

PUBLIC HEARING

MAY 13, 2015

A public hearing of the Council of the County of Kaua'i was called to order by Arryl Kaneshiro, Chair, Budget & Finance Committee, on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at 5:05 p.m., at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 209, Līhu'e, Kaua'i, and the presence of the following was noted:

Honorable Mason K. Chock
Honorable Gary L. Hooser
Honorable Ross Kagawa
Honorable KipuKai Kuali'i
Honorable Mel Rapozo
Honorable JoAnn A. Yukimura
Honorable Arryl Kaneshiro

The Clerk read the notice of the public hearing on the following:

"Bill No. 2582 – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE OPERATING BUDGET AND FINANCING THEREOF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016 (*Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget*),"

which was passed on first reading and ordered to print by the Council of the County of Kaua'i on March 25, 2015, and published in The Garden Island newspaper on April 1, 2015.

The following communications were received for the record:

1. Arakaki, William, dated April 30, 2015
2. Arume, Bridget, dated April 29, 2015
3. Anguay, Mahina, dated May 10, 2015
4. Bishop, LaVerne, dated April 29, 2015
5. Cox, Helen A., Ph.D., dated April 21, 2015
6. Dire, James, dated May 11, 2015
7. Essman, Barbara, dated April 18, 2015
8. Hubbard, Mark, dated April 20, 2015
9. Miura, Tad, dated May 6, 2015
10. Shelit, Dana, dated May 9, 2015
11. Smith, Susan, dated May 11, 2015

JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA, County Clerk: Committee Chair, we have five (5) registered speakers. The first registered speaker is Jean Flaherty, followed by Felicia Cowden.

The hearing proceeded as follows:

JEAN FLAHERTY: I am honored for the opportunity to speak with you today. I come to represent two (2) different groups, but it is balance that I am seeking. I am addressing the issue of the North Shore Shuttle, and my particular interest rests first on those who have disabilities and though I never thought I would be one of those people, I stand before you today in the position of having people see

me as elderly, I hate that word, but because I fell from a ladder and surgery did not remedy the situation, I am now at the mercy of a number of people. The North Shore Shuttle has served me well, and therefore I would like to speak on behalf of it, because I am, but one of many. Whether the issue is of someone who has a knee replacement, a hip replacement, or an injured part of their body, they end up relying on others to provide transportation to get groceries, to get to church, the post office, or possibly even just to the dentist. In addition, there are the needs of people to get out and get the fresh air, and the original reason why I came to Kaua'i was that I felt this was one place where there was still pure air. I brought with me my adopted mother whose life extended seven (7) years because the asthma that she had and I now have, along with COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), in fact, was cured for her. She found the right air, the right location, and we were blessed to have her among us for a longer period. I know you have many budget issues in front of you, and this may seem like a minor issue, but I would like to look at the long haul. When, in fact, you people may need to have a community where it is healthy, where, in fact, you have access to the fresh air, and you do not want to be homebound. I have benefited from the North Shore Shuttle, and I know there is a need for money to have that present. I think it benefits residents in three different main ways. First of all, safety. I know a number of young people because I came here first as an educator and they are walking the streets trying to get from place to place, because their parents are working two to three (2-3) jobs. They do not have the means necessarily to get up and down the hill to Hanalei, even for recreational purposes during the summer.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Sorry to interrupt you, but your three (3) minutes are up. Once we get through everyone, we can bring you back up here.

Ms. Flaherty: Alright, I have another group that I would like to represent then.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: You still can talk on these three (3) points, and then your other group also, in your next three (3) minutes.

Ms. Flaherty: I understand. Thank you very much.

FELICIA COWDEN: I understand that you folks have a very difficult task in front of you. I spent quite a lot of time in this past year looking at the three-inch stack of the budget, which is this year's. I have a few recommendations. One is when I go through it I look at what our high line items are in departments and I think...I know auditing seems to raise a lot of big red flags, but I think if possible, it would be good to audit. One group that strikes me is the Police Department. Twenty-eight million dollars (\$28,000,000) is intense. I am glad that they were honored today. This is not saying that they do not do a good job, but when I look at the twenty most wanted list and stuff, it is pretty nominal, often bench warrants. That is 1/7 of our overall budget, which is a lot. Other things are also important. One is the landfill. It seems that the scales and the things out there that I have looked at need a lot of attention and I am not sure they get enough of that. I believe also when we look at our safety and security, we have a cycle of poverty issues and a profound challenge with housing. I would love to be on a housing committee, if there is ever something like that, I do not know if there is, but I have some ideas I want to work on because it is a very big deal people do not have housing, which is the underlying fabric of society. It is almost illegal to sleep if you do not have a home. You cannot sleep in your car or camp. There are many problems like that. I think if we solve some of those or at least address that, we would have a whole lot less need for policing people or creating that kind of challenge. As you go down through this there are

certain areas, I believe, the vehicles...there are a whole lot of vehicles. Most any though, pale in comparison to the line item of twenty-eight million dollars (\$28,000,000) for one area. To pull it all apart, each piece is a big long discussion, longer than three (3) minutes, but auditing the big numbered pieces and that one is the high one. I think what I see there is there is a lot of overtime. Seems like we need to look at some of those priorities. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Thank you.

JAMES REIS: Hello. I am the owner of Experience Kaua'i and I am here to ask for your continued support with our North Shore Shuttle program. Since we started, we have had a lot of people ride. We were not sure how many people were going to ride and it ended up being a lot more, as well as residents. I drive the shuttle maybe two to three (2-3) times a month to help cover some of the employees that cannot make their shifts. The overwhelming support that we get from the residents who live out in Wainiha, Princeville, who use it very day to and from work, the visitors who get to go out to Kē'e and hike the Kalalau Trail, and they do not have to leave their cars there to get vandalized or towed, really appreciate our service. They appreciate the concierges who continue to tell us every time we go over there and give them new shuttle schedules, what a great asset this is for the community and allowing their visitors to be able to move around Hanalei and the Princeville areas with ease. I truly ask for your continued support to help our community alleviate the traffic that I believe our shuttle has put a little dent in. We are still working on that, but it allows a better quality of life for many of the residents who live out there and who do not have to hitchhike. They have a set time to get home, and they are not out at nighttime with their thumb in the air, possibly getting driven by very quickly because they cannot be seen. Just allowing people to move around the island efficiently and without clogging our parking lots with a bunch of unnecessary vehicles that could be left at the resorts. I am just asking for continued support to help alleviate our traffic on the North Shore.

Committee Chair Chock: Thank you. I have a clarifying question from Councilmember Chock.

Councilmember Chock: Thank you for the service. I understand and hear that it has made a big difference with people. From a business standpoint, do you have any plans, and how and when you can move this operation towards something that is more self-sustaining, because that is really I think the interest for any operation within our County?

Mr. Reis: Right. Financially right now the ridership... we are still working on the numbers if we can adjust the cost of the rides. Right now, with asking the ridership and stuff, the riders and residents what they would be willing to pay...three dollars (\$3) or five dollars (\$5), and a lot of them are open to that idea. I am trying to inform them that the program needs to make some money to be able to cover more than just the fuel, because at this point in time we are covering the fuel and a little bit more. It will never be self-sustainable. Even with our new vehicle that we were able to purchase, it cut our field cost down substantially. It cost around fifty dollars (\$50) a day to run this vehicle. It is an ecofriendly diesel and we are trying to see if there is another vehicle like that in a smaller compact size that could fit out at Kē'e, which would then eliminate some of those costs. We are looking at different ways to cut the budget down at the cost to run. At this point in time, it will never be able to sustain itself.

Councilmember Chock: Thank you.

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes, I, too, appreciate your service very much. I know how important public transportation is. My question is, Ms. Flaherty gave some very compelling testimony in favor of your shuttle. Do you do house-to-house service for those who are disabled?

Mr. Reis: At this point in time, we are in communication with the Princeville *kupuna* group, and it is pretty much an on-call service. If a senior, needs to be moved and they are on our route, we cannot go too far off otherwise it throws the whole schedule off. If they are close to our route, we do pull over, and we have not had any requests yet, but the offer is out there to pick up seniors at their homes and take them to certain locations in which they are going.

Councilmember Yukimura: I think if we ever become a formal service, that kind of service will be required by law. Right now as a pilot project, I guess there is some leeway, but that will be contrary to the goal of trying to make it more self-sustaining. That is the tension that we have to do even with our regular service. Thank you very much for your service.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Any further questions from the Members?

DESIRAE REIS: Aloha. I am the wife of James Reis, the owner of the company, as well as his supporter and owner of the company. The company was actually started to relieve the stress. I have been a concierge on the island for ten (10) years. I would get a lot of people requesting from the resorts about Kēʻē, and about how to get down into Hanalei. What do you mean there is no shuttle? What do you mean there is no transportation? The County does not go that far. Is it safe to leave my car? As a resident, I found ourselves not visiting Kēʻē anymore. Visitors are very important to our island and so are the residents. We tried about four (4) years ago to do it on our own and get as much as we possibly could. I do want to say thank you so much for helping us to get this going for the community because it has been by far amazing. To see the difference in Jean and other *kupuna* groups and residents in Hāʻena, the support from Hāʻena and their residents saying, "Wow, I can go and get icecream at Big Save and bring it back and not have to eat it right then, before it melts." Simple things like that. We went out and got some signatures showing the support and we really did not have anyone saying, "No." It is more like, "Yes, let us do this." That is the feeling that I got three (3) years ago, and it is a continued support. I just also want to say for you to look into the future of it. I know, Councilmember Chock, you asked about sustainability. We wanted it to be sustainable. We wanted it to be easy and show that we could just run it and break even. I do not see that happening. I hope to see that maybe the State could also help with that in the fact that it is State land and parks. We need to definitely alleviate that traffic congestion down in Hanalei and Kēʻē for sure. Thank you again and we hope for your support.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Thank you.

DARSHAN WRIGHT: Hello, I am here on behalf of the North Shore Shuttle. I am a twenty (20) year North Shore resident, as well as a concierge in one of the biggest resorts in Princeville, Wyndham Resorts. As Desirae said, ever since the shuttle has come to be, one of the biggest factors and benefits of it is having these guests come that do not have vehicles be able to get around without having to rent another car adding traffic to our roads. It has been awesome and ever since then we

get the best feedback from it. To take it away, is the biggest disappointment that would ever happen. I am also a single working mom of two (2) and to always be at work and not be able to shuttle the kids where they need to go, I think that the shuttle has definitely played a big role in helping with that. I hope it stays. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: Thank you for your testimony. I am wondering if the tourists that stay at the Wyndham have the interest to go up to Kōke'e and I am wondering how they get there. Is it that tourists that stay on that side, stay on that side?

Ms. Wright: The people that want to go to those destinations, a lot of them use guided tours that offer transportation.

Councilmember Kagawa: Roberts Hawai'i Bus.

Ms. Wright: They would come to pick them up. North Shore, we do not have anything like that so if they do not have a car, they are isolated to what tours offer pick up.

Councilmember Kagawa: Okay. Thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Next speaker.

AGENHART PUULEI: Aloha. I am a resident of Kaua'i and I am also a shuttle driver. I deal with a lot of the people that ride the shuttle, tourists and locals. I want to say that it is a bad idea to get rid of this program because it is a working program and people use it. When the program first started, it was started in an off-season. You have to think about this summer, there are going to be a lot more people and cars. I also live down there in Hā'ena, Wainiha. I see cars coming in and out all day long and this summer is going to be crazy. I have three (3) beautiful children and I just want to look out for their safety. With that being said, all these cars flying by my house, I live right on the road and it is dangerous for my children. The drivers do not obey the speed limit. What I am trying to say is that I think it would be a great idea to keep the shuttle going. The shuttle eliminates the cars off the road. A lot of the locals use the shuttle as well. There is no bus service from Hanalei to Hā'ena, so a lot of the locals have to hitchhike. If it is raining, they miss their doctor's appointments or whatever they have to do. I just want to speak for all the people. It is a great program. I am the one that is dealing with all the people every day. I get the feedback. Ninety-five percent (95%) of the people love it. Whether it is tourists or the locals, and what Darshan was saying is that with the tourists who come here and do not rent a car, they do not know there is no shuttle service around there or any type of transportation. The Kaua'i Bus only runs from Hanalei back this way. There has been a lot of people riding and business has been picking up. I speak on behalf of the North Shore Shuttle and I would love to keep my job.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: Thank you very much for your testimony. Are you required to have a CDL (Commercial Driver's License) license?

Mr. Puulei: I am going to get my CDL license regardless of whether I need it or not. I just want to get it to have it under my belt.

Councilmember Yukimura: But right now, it is not required?

Mr. Puulei: No, it is not required because we are not running a...I know that CDL is all about airbrakes and all that kind of stuff, and weight, right? We are transporting people, not cargo.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Puulei: You are welcome.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Next speaker.

SUE KANOHO, Executive Director, Kaua'i Visitors Bureau: I am here to support the North Shore Shuttle. I have been very involved in it from the beginning as far as the concept goes. For those that know, my challenges with marketing on the North Shore, there are many complaints about traffic, too many people, and vehicles. I actually took Fred Atkins, the new HTA (Hawai'i Tourism Association) representative a few weeks ago. The lifeguard at Kē'e had an earful for Fred and myself. It would not hurt for one of you to go out and hear that as well, what happens out there. The parking was off the chart bad. I counted the cars. Hundred (100) on the lot, fifty (50) on the sides of the road, and another forty (40) down past the waterfall area. We keep doing this year after year and nothing changes. This is the first time that anybody has tried to do something. I applaud the County for doing it. To me, it is a critical thing and for those who do not know the Hā'ena Master Plan will have those limits for some point, for the future, and that needs to happen to keep that area sacred and appropriate. For me, this is something I have asked for a long time and I am glad that OED (Office of Economic Development), George, and the team took it on. It has been a lot of work. We have learned a lot and I think it is something that unfortunately the County often gets impacted by the lack of State facilities and this is one of those times where we cannot pretend. As you said, we are going into summer and it is going to be worse. I think it has been a great program. Go ahead, JoAnn.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: Is Kaua'i Visitor Bureau / Hawai'i Visitor Bureau supporting the visitor transient accommodation tax increase to the Counties?

Ms. Kanoho: I would have to ask my board of directors. We obviously have not taken on that subject. As you know, I am funded by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and we have restrictions on what we can and cannot do and say.

Councilmember Yukimura: I know, but this is also a much needed visitor support that local government is being asked to support. You know it is not just for the North Shore. The Kaua'i Bus supports many visitors too. It is the kind of local support that...

Council Chair Rapozo: Committee Chair, I am going to call a point because...

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Councilmember Yukimura, you need to ask...

Councilmember Yukimura: I asked a question.

Council Chair Rapozo: I raised the point. Let me make my point. The point of order is on Rule 12(e)(1) and let me read it because I do not want people to think I am rude, but that is the rule. It states, "Public hearings are held to receive testimony from the public. Councilmembers shall reserve their opinions, questions, and arguments for the appropriate Council or Committee meetings; except that Councilmembers may ask clarifying questions that enable the Council to better understand the point or position of the speaker." I would ask that we keep to that. Otherwise, we will have a full-blown debate, which is your prerogative Committee Chair, because I have a lot of questions and comments, but I will reserve that for tomorrow.

Councilmember Yukimura: I am asking a clarifying question about the position of the speaker.

Ms. Kanoho: I have not taken that position up with anybody and if you would like me to discuss it with the board of directors, I can do that, but nobody has come to me to do that.

Councilmember Yukimura: I do ask you then to bring it up with the board.

Ms. Kanoho: Shoot me an E-mail in what you would like me to specifically ask.

Councilmember Yukimura: Okay, thank you.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Further questions? Next speaker.

BRIDGET ARUME: I am here for Keiki to Career. I am here to talk about KPAA (Kaua'i Planning & Action Alliance) receiving funds out of the Mayor's budget for the Keiki to Career Program. I am obviously in support of it. I have been on the Leadership Council for about three (3) years now. I have also been a part of some of the other committees as well. As you all know, possibly, I have never really come before you before, and me being here already speaks volumes about my passion in regards to this effort. In regards to Keiki to Career, its name sort of says exactly what it means, taking our children as early as possible and helping them be as advantageous to themselves, their families, and to the community as possible and providing an opportunity for everyone. I hope that as you look at where we put our resources, that all of us pay in to, that we look to our children and looking to those ways that we can help this effort because it is taking a group mentality of how do we all put our best foot forward to help that effort. Right now, the effort is in figuring out how we can do that. This money would help us as we try and figure out how to best manage and think about pulling together the efforts of our community individually, collectively, and that means families, as well as businesses, and community members in helping our children and their future. I am sure you have heard a lot individually about Keiki to Career, and so you do not probably have a lot of questions in regards to that, but I do not know if you have any specifically to me. I hope that you really consider it strongly.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Thank you. Anyone else in the audience wishing to testify on this Bill? Jean, you have your second three (3) minutes.

Ms. Flaherty: As a result of my research, it is two-fold. In regard to the North Shore Shuttle, I realize another need which is that people coming

from Europe, New Zealand, and Australia, come from a culture where they are expecting that they will not have to rent a car and in some instances, they will not have to make reservations for housing because they do not have to do that, generally speaking in their country. I do not want to generalize, but I know it to be true because over seven (7) years I have dealt with it at least three (3) times a week. I kept track. The second point I would like to raise is that when you are looking at where you spend your money, I managed millions of dollars in the university budget as senior staff person, and what looked to be a small amount of money, often times bred the greatest goodwill toward the public whether they were residents or visitors, students or teachers, and I know this to be true. I would end on this note. You may be able to spend what seems like a small amount of money, but spend it well and get in return, revenue from visitors who are now going elsewhere because of the congestion on the highways. I do not need to prove that to you because I am sure you see it exhibited by our visitors. I would end on the note that as they come to public places to say, "We are not coming here again," and you see it in the newspapers as well, I think this is one way in which we can do a marketing campaign which would speak to, not only the Kaua'i Bus system and that does well, but also with this Shuttle...getting rid of the emissions, resolving the congestion on the highway and when I went to Kē'e on the Shuttle this past weekend and saw the parking lot, I realized firsthand I had to come today to speak to what could be a series of accidents. I do not want us to have something that would be a problem because we did not deal with something good that we could grow. Thank you.

Councilmember Yukimura: I have a question.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: A clarifying question?

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes. You mention people coming from Europe, New Zealand, and where was the third?

Ms. Flaherty: Australia. They were quite specific that they felt they were not welcomed here because there was not a shuttle even within the community of the North Shore. Regardless of whether there was a bus service on the main route.

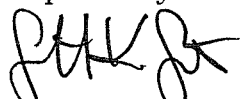
Councilmember Yukimura: I have also rode the bus with people from Japan.

Ms. Flaherty: That may very well be true and I thank you for that information.

Committee Chair Kaneshiro: Anyone wishing to speak for a second time? Seeing none.

There being no further testimony on this matter, the public hearing adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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November 12, 2014

Re: Strong Support of North Shore Shuttle

Aloha Councilmembers,

I was unable to open the agenda on line for this meeting and apologize for not citing the specific agenda item.

I want to submit testimony on the North Shore Shuttle. In my capacity as vice chair of Hui Ho'omalu i ka 'Āina, I have participated in many discussions over the past twenty years regarding the parking situation at Ke'e and the development of the Ha'ena State Park Master Plan.

I strongly support the North Shore Shuttle as an important step in the process of reducing the impacts of cars on our roads, highway and in our public spaces.

I urge the County to produce a refined schedule for this service as soon as practicable and to provide broad outreach and publicity for this service.

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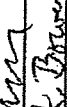








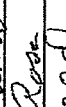


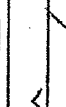



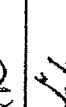


Support the North Shore Shuttle!

We the undersigned, support the County's North Shore Shuttle Program. It provides a great service to visitors and residents alike and ask that the County Council also support this great service with approved funding in the County's Fiscal Year 2016 budget.

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Curva.

We the undersigned, support the County's North Shore Shuttle Program. It provides a great service to visitors and residents alike and ask that the County Council also support this great service with approved funding in the County's Fiscal Year 2016 budget.

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Darrellyne Caldeira

From: Gary Rodrigues <gwrodrigues@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 4:39 PM
To: Council Testimony
Subject: Budget testimony
Attachments: KPD testimony-County Council.docx

Attached is my testimony on the Kauai County Budget scheduled for May 13, 2015.

Gary W. Rodrigues
6272 Kahuna Rd.
Kapaa, HI 96746

To: Kauai County Council
From: Gary W. Rodrigues
Subject: KPD budget and operations
Date: May 13, 2015

In a recent meeting of the Kauai Police Commission former deputy chief Contrades representing Perry issued threats of withholding services to the people of Kauai if KPD's budget requests are not granted by the Council. After the presentation the Kauai Police Commission merely supported the presentation without objection. The presentation if drawn into a picture would show guns held by Perry, Contrades and the Commission aimed at the heads of the people of Kauai with the words pay or else. The Kauai Police Commission is a rubber stamp for Perry and Contrades instead of performing their duties as required by the Kauai County Charter. Because the commission has failed it is incumbent on the Council to conduct an audit of KPD to examine how Perry and Contrades have increased the cost to taxpayers by their mismanagement. Their mismanagement occurs in their attempt to build a KPD county instead of operating a department within the county that serves its basic purpose of providing police services. Some of their mismanagement actions are:

1. Police Officers performing duties that are classified as normal duties of other bargaining unit or exempt employees instead of performing duties that police officers are classified, hired and trained for. KPD constantly complains about the need for more police officers in patrol in order to prevent and investigate crime. However, KPD has removed officers from duties of a police officer and placed them in jobs that can be performed by employees that are not police officers. Examples are:
 - a. A Sergeant is removed from Patrol and assigned to Community Relations. The Sgt. attends job fairs, provides speakers on various topics and is a tour guide for the police station and other non-police duties. Not even the Council has a community relations employee. The position is a wasteful expense.
 - b. A new police officer after completing training and a very short period in patrol is removed from patrol and assigned to work on obtaining grants and other non-police duties for the department. Grants can be pursued by a non-police employee or under contracted service.
 - c. A police officer who was removed from Patrol because of a police shooting and cleared is kept in the administration to do non-police work such as Perry and Contrades dream of having KPD being granted accreditation by an organization that is paid to provide and maintain the accreditation. The officer has since been promoted to Sergeant and continues his non-police duties.
 - d. A police officer who was removed from Patrol because of a police shooting and cleared is kept in the administration to do non-police work. He is the brother of Contrades.
 - e. A police officer is removed from patrol and assigned to cell block duties with regular cell block duty employees. Cell block employees are in a different bargaining unit and are paid less than police officers.
 - f. A Sergeant who was performing non-police work and did not perform supervisory duties of other police officers as required by the civil service classification is promoted to Lieutenant. The Sergeant happens to be a close friend of Contrades.
 - g. Captains are paid overtime for doing police duties such as routine traffic violations that are assigned to police officers on their normal work hours. During a police commission meeting Perry complained to the commission that his pay and his deputy need to be

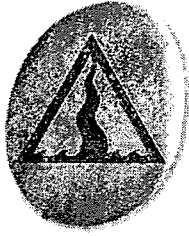
increased because other lower ranked Officers are paid more. Perry used the example of his deputy, Contrades, was forced to take a twenty six thousand dollar pay cut when he accepted the deputy position because Contrades made the \$26,000 working overtime as a Captain. The commission agreed with Perry without asking how and why does a Captain earn overtime that equals the yearly salary of many workers in Hawaii. Perry recently rewarded Contrades by assigning him to an Assistant chief's position which is civil service protected unlike the deputy.

- h. An Assistant Police Chief, Lieutenants, and Police Officers of various ranks are assigned to perform non-police duties such as:
 - 1) Supervising non-police officers in the records, fiscal and personnel sections.
 - 2) Implementing computer programs such as the multi-million dollar program for report writing for officers that did not work and was or may still not be working as required for years.
 - 3) A Sergeant is assigned to do non-police research.
 - 4) A Sergeant is assigned to supplies.
2. Violating the civil service classification system that is established to provide a uniform system that provides efficiency at a cost relative to the position and duties required of such position.
3. Increasing the current and future cost for retirement and other benefits by the assignment of police officers to non-police duties. The use of uniformed police officers to perform duties that are duties that non-police officers is wasting valuable taxes paid by the people of Kauai for police protection. Police officers are paid at a higher rate, provided with special differentials and allowances for firearms, standard of conduct and a higher retirement formula than other employees because of the hazardous work of a police officer. The County is required to pay twenty four percent every month for the Police Officer's retirement so when the Captains are paid overtime the cost increases. KPD pays over a \$5400 per year Standards of Conduct differential, a \$500 per year gun allowance and a \$300 per year uniform allowance to all Police Officers including Perry, Contrades and the Assistant Chiefs who earn over \$100,000 per year and the Officers who are not performing police duties. It is Poor Management to assign a Police Officer to non-police duties that receive higher pay, additional differentials, wear a police uniform, carry a gun and receive more retirement benefits than non-police employees. The Police Officers who perform hazardous police work every day and the People of Kauai are the losers.
4. Operating a secret quota system that punishes the people of Kauai by requiring police officers in Patrol to complete a quota system that is arbitrary. KPD refused to provide the factual basis for the arbitrary system to a police officer when requested. Some of the arbitrary quota decisions made by Perry and Contrades are:
 - a. Community service was increased from 15 to 30 points.
 - b. Felony arrests was decreased from 40 to 20 points.
 - c. Misdemeanor was decreased from 30 to 15 points.
 - d. Seatbelt violation is 15 points.
 - e. Moving/Speeding violation is 20 points.
 - f. Parking violation is increased from 5 to 10 points.

- g. Case Load (number of cases processed by an officer) points is decreased from 30 to 15 points and the number of cases is increased from 60 to 70 to receive the 15 points. Cases over 70 receive no points.
 - h. Search Warrant is 50 points.
- 5. KPD has three (3) Assistant Chiefs in addition to a deputy. They are purely supervisors. The pay is higher than supervisors that supervise greater numbers of employees with more responsibilities in other departments in the county and the state.
- 6. KPD has a system of investigating police officers that prohibits officers from having copies of the investigations conducted including any evidence. KPD and the Kauai County Attorney told the Hawaii Labor Relations Board that it is their right not to provide copies to the charged officers. They believe that Due Process Rights provided by the Constitutions of the State of Hawaii and the United States and the Supreme Court does not apply to Kauai Police Department and the county. The cost for each KPD investigation is not provided in the budget with the approval of the Mayor, Police Commission and County Council's approval.

It is clear that there is a need to conduct a detail audit of the Kauai Police Department to determine the amount of misuse of taxes by the incompetent management of the KPD. The audit will:

- a. Identify the duties that are now being performed by uniformed police officers that can be performed by non-police officers at less cost.
- b. Determine how a Captain or any officer earns overtime.
- c. Determine whether the quota system is based on a legitimate method.
- d. Determine how KPD conducts its investigations of officers, the cost of the investigations, the length of investigations, the unconstitutional method of the investigations and the cost to the People of Kauai when a Court determines that KPD has violated Constitutional Rights of its employees.
- e. Determine why the Police Commission is not performing their duties required by the Kauai County Charter.



Hanalei Watershed Hui

May 12, 2015
Kauai County Council
Budget
Office of Economic Development

Aloha Chair Rapozo and Councilmembers,

The Hanalei Watershed Hui strongly urges your support of the north shore shuttle project within the budget of the Office of economic Development.

Our organization coordinated the development of the Hanalei to Ha'ena Disaster Resilience Plan. It includes several concerns regarding traffic and safety issues in the area. We have experienced the shuttle program for several months now and have observed a reduction in the number of vehicles illegally parked on the highway in Ha'ena.

While the service certainly has not solved the problem of too many cars in the area, combined with the upcoming Ha'ena State Park Master Plan which proposes to control the number of park users, the shuttle will provide a much needed service to the park and adjacent locations. This is a long term project, it must be. We are trying to modify behavior. That takes time.

Please continue your commitment to the reduction of cars on the roads of the north shore and to the health and safety of our community.

Respectfully,

Makaala Kaaumoana
Executive Director

PS: A small group of us rode the shuttle to Ke'e, it was good fun!

Ē malama kumu wai ~ Protect the source
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TESTIMONY LOG - May 13, 2015 Public Hearing
Bill No. 2582 - A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE OPERATING BUDGET
AND FINANCING THEREOF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016
(Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget) (Keiki to Career)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSED</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
1 Arakaki, William N.	X		Kaua'i Complex Area Superintendent Committee Member
2 Arume, Bridget	X		
3 Anguay, Mahina	X		
4 Bishop, LaVerne	X		Executive Director, Hale `Opio Kaua'i, Inc. Chancellor, Kaua'i Community College Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Owner/teacher Sacred Birthing School
5 Cox, Helen	X		
6 Dire, James	X		
7 Essman, Barbara	X		Early Childhood Education Program Coordinator
8 Hubbard, Mark	X		
9 Miura, Tad	X		
10 Shelit, Dana	X		
11 Smith, Susan	X		

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April 30, 2015

THE HONORABLE KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIR PERSON MEL RAPOZO AND MEMBERS:

The Kauai Keiki to Career is an exciting new initiative that unites the community to nurture and support our young people to be, "ready to learn and ready for life". I strongly endorse this initiative and I have been an active member for three years.

In achieving our desired outcomes, we have made a commitment to the continuous improvement of our process and the organizations that are participating. To accomplish our objectives, we want to gather data on the results achieved by each participating organization, report the results into a centralized data management system, analyze the results and determine where improvements are needed.

A grant is needed to support development of the data collection and management system. Your endorsement of the Kauai Keiki to Career initiative will allow us to share data to strengthen the programming of each organizations involvement. The collective data is integral to decision making and the long term success of this initiative.

The partnership with government, non-profit organizations, businesses, families and student representatives will ultimately impact our island. Kauai's young people will be nurtured from Keiki to Career, ready to learn and ready for life.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William N. Arakaki", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William N. Arakaki
Kauai Complex Area Superintendent

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Darrellyne Caldeira

From: Bridget Arume <bridgetarume@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 2:22 PM
To: Council Testimony
Subject: Support for Keiki to Career

Aloha Council Members,

I'm writing in support funding for the Keiki to Career efforts on Kauai. There has been much success in the areas of focus. That being said there is much still to be done. These funds are so important to continue efforts of coordination and education so everyone knows how they are part of children's success on Kauai. This concept of rethinking how we do things takes time for everyone to grasp and then figure out how what they are part of a better tomorrow. These funds help parents, community, individuals see how what they are already doing or what they could do to assist in our bright future for ALL Keiki. I ask you to please support Keiki to Career with funds and as individuals. We are grateful to KPAA for the formal support and administrative integrity they provide as an essential component.

Mahalo for your support

Bridget Arume,

Keiki to Career Leadership, Birth to Grade 3 & Parent Ohana & Community Engagement committee member

Sent from my iPhone

Darrellyne Caldeira

From: Mahina_Anguary/WAIMEAH/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2015 7:04 PM
To: Council Testimony
Subject: Keiki to Career

Aloha,

I'm writing this email to convey my support of \$50,000 funding for KPAA and the Keiki to Career (K2C) education initiative contained in the County Office of Economic Development budget.

For the past two years, Keiki to Career has been a huge partner for me in restructuring Waimea High School and developing our strategic plan, STREAM. They have been a strong supporter in helping me to develop community and business partnerships that extend learning for our students and staff beyond the traditional classroom walls. I depend heavily upon them and their connections with the Chamber of Commerce, KCC and other Kauai non-profit organizations to leverage my limited financial resources to better serve my school community and ensure college and career readiness for my students. An example of this would be the completed report on the Natural Resource career pathway, which is one of the pathways we offer at WHS.

I urge you to please find a way to continue to support the Keiki to Career initiative; it's definitely a worthwhile investment for our island community.

Sincerely,

Mahina Anguary
Principal, Waimea High School

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"We are the impetus for growth, revival, and sustainability of our Westside community." STREAM strategic plan, 2014

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hale `opio kaua`i, inc.

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TO: Kaua`i County Council
Mel Rapozo, Chair
Ross Kagawa, Vice Chair

FROM: LaVerne Bishop, Executive Director
Hale `Opio Kaua`i, Inc.

RE: Keiki to Career Kaua`i

DATE: April 29, 2015

Hartwell H.K. Blake

Judge William J.
Fernandez, ret.

Casey Quel Fitchett

Carol Furtado

Phyllis Kunimura

Pualani Rezentes

Orianna
Skomoroch

I support the request of Keiki to Career Kaua`i (K2CK) for \$50,000 for operating expenses. As K2CK gains momentum by leveraging existing resources in a synergy of collaboration, the result will achieve every Kaua`i resident's vision: that our keiki and `opio are ready to learn and ready for life.

The work of the backbone organization is no small task as the fulcrum of efforts to align work to achieve collective impact out of individual visions and missions. Yet the investment is small in relation to what can be accomplished together for our young people and the future of Kaua`i's economy.

Nationally communities large and small have invested in strengthening collaboratives as the smartest use of public monies – to assure existing resources are aligned and accountable so that everyone benefits measureably.

Thank you for your consideration.

LaVerne Bishop
Executive Director

Sandra Cummings
Controller

Darrellyne Caldeira

From: Helen Cox <helencox@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 10:42 AM
To: Council Testimony
Subject: Support for Keiki to Career

Aloha Council Members,

Thank you for the good work you do day in and day out for those of us on Kauai. I am writing to support the \$50,000 funding for KPAA and the Keiki to Career (K2C) education initiative contained in the County Office of Economic Development budget. I have been involved in the K2C effort since its inception a couple of years ago. During this time, I have been impressed with the coalition of people that have come together to provide a comprehensive plan to help the youth of Kauai to be competent, caring and engaged.

County support for K2C is an investment in Kaua'i's future. As a member of the K2C Leadership Council, I can attest that K2C is preparing our young people for more than the future workforce, important as that is. Students that graduate with better skills will help our community and our businesses thrive. In addition, if our youth are supported to become all they can be, they are more likely to engage in community work as adults and more likely to be good parents, which will have an impact on future generations. As the Chancellor of Kaua'i Community College, I am delighted to have the college be a member of this coalition.

More than 40 Kaua'i community partners are working collaboratively to address the important issues our youth face, and County funding is essential for our continued success.

Mahalo for your attention.

Helen Cox

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Darrellyne Caldeira

From: James Dire <dire@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2015 8:20 AM
To: Council Testimony
Subject: Email testimony proposed county budget

Aloha County Council,

I am writing to convey my support of \$50,000 funding for the Kaua'i Planning & Action Alliance and the Keiki to Career (K2C) education initiative contained in the County Office of Economic Development budget. County support for K2C is an investment in Kaua'i's future. As a member of the K2C High School to Postsecondary Committee, I can attest that K2C is bring groups together to prepare our young people for the future workforce. Students that graduate from high school and college with better skills will help our community and our businesses thrive. More than 40 Kaua'i community partners are working collaboratively to address these important issues and County funding is essential for our continued success.

Mahalo nui loa,

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Darrellyne Caldeira

From: Barbara Essman <barbaraessmandoula@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2015 3:55 PM
To: Council Testimony
Subject: Funding request for K2C

Aloha,

I am writing to convey my support of \$50,000 funding for KPAA and the Keiki to Career (K2C) education initiative contained in the County Office of Economic Development budget. County support for K2C is an investment in Kaua'i's future. As a member of the K2C Birth to Grade 3 Committee, we are working to help prepare our young people for a successful future. Children with strong support systems in families that are fully supported will be prepared to become successful students. They will go on to be contributing citizens who help our families, community and our businesses thrive. More than 40 Kaua'i community partners are working collaboratively to address these important issues and County funding is essential for our continued success. Thank you.

Aloha,

Barbara Essman

Owner/teacher Sacred BirthingSchool

Darrellyne Caldeira

From: markhubbard46@gmail.com on behalf of Mark Hubbard <mhubb46@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2015 3:22 PM
To: Council Testimony
Subject: County Office of Economic Development budget

I am writing to convey my support of \$50,000 funding for KPAA and the Keiki to Career (K2C) education initiative contained in the County Office of Economic Development budget.

While I understand that the budget will be very tight, I urge you to keep this relatively small amount in the budget as I believe it is a key investment in the future of our youth and the island.

Thank you.

Aloha,

Mark

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May 6, 2015

County of Kaua'i
Office of the County Clerk
Council Services Division
4396 Rice Street, Suite 209
Līhu'e, Hawai'i 96766

RE: Testimony in support of Keiki to Career Kaua'i Funding

Aloha Council Chair Rapozo and members of the Kaua'i County Council:

I write to you today to ask for your consideration for the support of the Office of Economic Development's \$50,000 request for a grant to Keiki to Career Kaua'i. This initiative has created partnerships from organizations and individuals in education, human service, youth programs, families, and business, to create an integrated system of support from cradle to career, so that our young people are ready to learn and ready for life.

I know you have pledged to reduce the amount of government spending, so scrutiny to these line items are especially warranted in this budget session. Often times, it isn't easy to see how these types of investments come to be realized, as they take some time to develop, implement, and produce results. I ask you to take a look at the individuals and organizations who have come together to form this great partnership to insure that good things come about from the work of Keiki to Career Kaua'i. They have spent considerable amount of time and energy to this movement because it represents our best chance at giving our young people the opportunity to succeed. I know that it will happen, because our community came together to make it so, and you are an integral part of this process.

Someone once said, "One hundred years from now it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much money I had in my bank account or what my clothes looked like. But one hundred years from now the world may be a little better because I was important in the life of a child." I know that someone is you, and that you had the foresight to make that kind of a commitment to our youth.

Mahalo,

Tad Miura

Darrellyne Caldeira

From: Dana Shelit <dshelit@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Saturday, May 09, 2015 1:40 PM
To: Council Testimony
Subject: Support for Keiki to Career Initiative

Aloha esteemed Council Members.

We are all reminded in many ways each day that Kauai's keiki are the citizens, workforce, and leaders of tomorrow who will be making the kinds of decisions that you, in your important roles as Council Members, are making today.

I am writing to ask that you support the allocation of \$50,000 funding to KPAA and the Keiki to Career (K2C) Education Initiative contained in the County Office of Economic Development budget. County support for K2C is an investment in Kauai's future.

As a member of the K2C Birth to Grade 3 Committee, I can attest that K2C brings groups together to ensure the well-being of keiki as they learn, develop, and reach their fullest potential during early childhood and throughout their lives. We encourage parents and educators to provide keiki with quality early learning experiences that help support language development and build the strong foundations needed for the development of emerging literacy. In the 21st century in which Kauai's keiki are growing, gaining the skills to become a competent reader by about the third grade is shown to be essential for future school and career success.

Through the Keiki to Career education initiative, more than 40 Kauai community partners are working collaboratively to address these and many other important issues to promote the health, well-being, and success of Kauai's keiki. County funding is essential for our continued success.

Mahalo for all that you do, and for your support of this request.

Aloha,

Dana M. Shelit

**Dana M. Shelit
Early Childhood Education Program Coordinator
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Darrellyne Caldeira

From: Susan Smith <ssmith1@hhsc.org>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2015 7:32 AM
To: Council Testimony
Subject: Keiki to Career/ KPAA funding

Aloha. I am writing to convey my support of \$50,000 funding for KPAA and the Keiki to Career (K2C) education initiative contained in the County Office of Economic Development budget. County support for K2C is an investment in Kaua'i's future. As a member of the K2C Birth to Grade 3 Committee, I can attest that K2C brings groups together to ensure our keiki are ready to learn and ready for life. We encourage parents to provide their keiki with quality early learning experiences so they are prepared when they enter kindergarten and have developed the basic skills for reading. We want to be sure students are reading at grade level by the end of third grade, so then they can "read to learn". I, personally, also want to be sure that mothers, families, and children are healthy and eat well; this is preventative population health care at its best. All of this lays an early foundation for our future workforce. More than 40 Kaua'i community partners are working collaboratively to address these important issues and County funding is essential for our continued success. Thank you."

Susan Smith, MBA, RDN, LD, NHA, FAND
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 Member and Fellow of the
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

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